



PANAMA

In 2012-2013, 958 U.S. students studied abroad in Panama for academic credit.

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Education System Overview

Pre-high school (# of years): 9 years

High school (# of years): 3 years

Academic year: February – December

Structure of the university system:

Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree: 4 - 6 years

The language of instruction in universities: Spanish and one in English

Grading system and interpretation: Public and private universities operate on a 3-point letter grade system. Both are similar to the U.S. system but with different assigned grade points, which affect the calculation of averages.

Degrees offered: Licenciatura, Maestría, and Doctorado.

Know Before You Go

- [How to Apply for Your U.S. Passport](#)
- [Panama Travel Information](#)

U.S. Department of State Programs

- [Gilman Scholarship Program](#)
- [Fulbright-Hays Program](#)
- [American Council of Young Political Leaders \(ACYPL\)](#)
- [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](#)



Educational Authorities and International Education Resources

Organization: Ministry of Education
Website: <http://www.meduca.gob.pa>

Organization: National Secretariat for Science, Technology and Innovation (SENACYT)
Website: <http://www.senacyt.gob.pa>

Organization: Institute for the Development and Training of Human Resources
Website: <http://www.ifarhu.gob.pa>

Organization: National Council on University Evaluation and Accreditation
Website: <http://www.coneupa.edu.pa>